



STERLING W. SILL

C
U
M
O
R
A
H
'S

SOUTHERN MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 1956 VOL. 31 NO. 11

Registered at the G.P.O. as a Newspaper.

STERLING W. SILL

Elder Sterling Welling Sill, whom the Church sustained as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve at the morning general conference session, April 6, 1945, has a lifelong background of Church activities from which he will draw strength for his new calling, for which he was set apart April 14, by President David O. McKay.

Elder Sill was born March 31, 1903 at Layton, Utah, a son of Joseph A. and Marietta Welling Sill. Early in life he found activity and service in both the Sunday School and the Mutual.

In his senior year at Davis High School he served as president of his class. He attended the Utah State Agricultural College and the University of Utah.

In 1924, he accepted a call for the mission field to serve in the Southern States. During this mission he served as president of the Alabama District. On his return from his mission, he taught school in Davis County for a year.

He held the lead in the North Davis Stake drama which won Church-wide honour at the Mutual Conference in June 1928. For nine years of his life, he has served youth as a Scoutmaster, attaining the rank of an Eagle Scout along with "his boys."

He served for a year, 1931-32, as a member of the high council of the North Davis Stake.

Garden Park Ward in Salt Lake City was organized in 1936 and he was called as the first bishop of this ward, where he served for ten years. He became a member of the Bon-

neville Stake high council in 1946, where he served until 1952. Then he was called as a member of the Deseret Sunday School general Board. More recently he has been the speaker on the Sunday evening radio hour of the Church on KSL, completing this assignment in February 1954.

From 1940 to 1951 he was a member of the board of regents of the University of Utah, being, the last four years, chairman of that group. In recognition of his long and distinguished service to country, state, and community, the University of Utah awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree at commencement exercises in June 1953. In March 1954 the University of Utah named its new family life centre building the Sterling W. Sill Family Life Centre.

For twenty-two years Elder Sill has been Salt Lake City manager for the New York Life Insurance Company. Many honours have come to him also in this field. He was the first Utahn, in 1932, to address the National Association of Life Underwriters, and was the first Utah man to receive the degree of Certified Life Underwriter. Since 1941 he has been inspector for his company's agencies in nine western states.

On September 4, 1929, Elder Sill married Doris Mary Thornley of Kaysville in the Salt Lake Temple. They have three children, John Michael, David Sterling, and Mary Carolyn.

Members of the Church everywhere welcome Elder Sill to his new calling of responsibility in the Church.

"O, ye nations of the earth, how often would I have gathered you together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not."—D and C. 43:24; 10:65-66; 29:2; Matt. 23:37; 3 N. 10:5-6.

"Thou shalt not oppress thy neighbour, neither rob him."—Lev. 19:13 (R. V.)

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction."—Prov. 1:7; Job 28:28; Psalms 111:10.

Vol. 31

No. 11.

Cumora's Southern Messenger

NOVEMBER 1956

Editor: Leroy H. Duncan.

Assoc. Editor: Larry E. Dahl.

CONTENTS

Sterling W. Sill	162
The Church Around the World	163
We Believe in God	164
Joy Through Activity	166
Those Who Teach, Warn, Explain, Exhort	167
East London Branch Feature	168
A Stalwart Member	170
Priesthood Corner	170
Mission Change	171
C.S.M. Chart	171
Transfers, Departures, Appointments	172
Vital Statistics	172
Around the Mission	174

COVER PICTURE

Elder Sterling W. Sill

(Assistant to the Council of the Twelve.)

Subscription rates: 5/- per year.
Overseas: \$1.

In case of change of address
notify mission office immediately.

The "C.S.M." is published
monthly in South Africa by the
Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints.

Phone 6-3334.

"Cumora," Main and Grove
Roads, Mowbray, C.P.,
Union of South Africa.



QUOIR SPREADS GOSPEL:

Each Sunday at 7 p.m. radio station 2AP in Apia, Western Samoa, broadcasts a programme of music recorded by the Tabernacle Choir. Music by the choir has been broadcast in Samoa for nearly two years. The Cook Islands have used the choir's recording for 18 months.

In Fiji where the missionaries have met with considerable opposition, efforts to secure broadcast time were turned down consistently until the Tabernacle Choir toured Europe. The news of their success reached the broadcasting authorities in Fiji, along with the reports of music critics praising the choir for the excellent quality of its singing. This caused the Fijian broadcasting company such a change of heart, that they came to the mission to ask if they could get recorded music by the Tabernacle Choir.

The programme has been on the air for six months now. Thanks to the choir's wonderful work, thousands of people throughout Fiji will hear about the Mormons for the first time through their singing. Present government restrictions limit us to two elders in Fiji, and there are some 400,000 people to be reached.

The "Mormons" are becoming well known throughout Samoa for the high quality of their music. On the island of Savai'i, the Church village, Vaiola, has recently won acclaim for its outstanding school choir. It was praised by the director of broadcasting of the Education Department of Western Samoa, A. F. W. Gordon who said, after hearing the choir sing, "This is the finest singing group of this kind I have ever heard."

NEW RELIEF SOCIETY

BUILDING: Sixty years ago, a handful of forward-looking Relief Society women dreamed a

dream of an office and work building "in the shadow of the Temple."

That dream has come true.

Wednesday, approximately \$1,500,000 worth of stone, steel furnishings and labour moulded into a magnificent edifice to house Relief Society services was dedicated by President David O. McKay.

Located at 76 N. Main Street, the handsome new structure is directly opposite the Temple, enhancing the campus of the LDS Business College Branch of Brigham Young University.

Inside its marble walls are offices for the Relief Society general presidency, its secretary-treasurer, stenographers, social service department, and office manager.

In addition, there is office and work space for the Relief Society Magazine editorial staff and circulation department. There is a library and committee rooms.

NEW TEMPLE: London, England: Working against a mid-August, 1958, deadline contractors and building engineers are off to a good start in the construction of the British Temple taking form on a beautiful site located but 25 miles from London.

Latest reports from the builders indicate that an extensive drainage system has been installed and the building site prepared before the excavation began in early June. Foundations and plumbing work now are being placed and presently the framework is expected to grow steadily against the backdrop of the beautiful countryside verdure.

Being built on a 31-acre tract of Newchapel Farm, Lingfield, situated on the main London-Eastbourne Road in Surrey County the sacred structure is expected to cost a total of \$1,250,000 which will include furnishings.

“WE BELIEVE IN GOD . . .”

By Sterling W. Sill—Assistant to the Council of Twelve

In the early part of the year 1842, John Wentworth, editor of the Chicago Democrat, went to Nauvoo and obtained an interview with the Prophet Joseph Smith. He requested, among other things, that the Prophet write out a statement of the things in which the Church believed, and the Prophet wrote the Thirteen Articles of Faith. Later these were accepted by the vote of the people and became a part of the doctrine of the Church. They are now included in the Pearl of Great Price and form a part of that great volume of latter-day scripture.

This afternoon, and on this anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of the world, I would like to offer for your consideration the first four words of the Prophet's statement, from the point of view of its being the greatest success formula in the world. Victor Hugo said, "There is nothing in the world as powerful as an idea whose time has come," and if we can learn anything from the signs of the times, we know that the time has fully come when great faith in God should take a firmer hold upon our minds.

It has been a hundred and thirty-five years since God the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ, reappeared upon the earth to re-establish among men a belief in the God of Genesis and to usher in the greatest and final dispensation. And so as the very foundation of our faith, the Prophet said, "We believe in God."

If the meaning of this phrase were limited to the idea that we believe that God exists, it would still be one of the great statements of the world. That is, there is great strength in the knowledge that we were not created by, nor are at the mercy of, the forces of a blind and capricious chance. But when we say "we believe in God," we mean much more than merely that God exists. We mean that we understand something about the kind of being he is, that he is literally the Father of our spirits, and, according to the great law of the universe, the offspring may sometime become like the parent.

But the most thrilling and motivating part of this idea is what the words themselves indicate, that "we believe in God." We trust him. We believe that he knows his business, that regardless of chance or the errors of men, his

purposes will prevail. We believe that our interests are his interests, that he meant what he said in that wonderful declaration that "This is my work and my glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." We believe that God does not desire that his children be dull, or unattractive, or unhappy, or unsuccessful.

There are many things that we do not understand. We don't understand our own birth or life or growth or death. We don't understand light or darkness. No one in mortality has ever seen his own spirit. We didn't discover the circulation of our own blood until just a little over three hundred years ago. It must be obvious, therefore, why a wise Heavenly Father would give us detailed instructions, setting forth objections and the best methods for attaining them. It must be equally obvious that there are tremendous advantages in a complete acceptance of, and an unwavering faith in, the gospel; for as an earthly father is powerless to confer the maximum benefit upon a son who has no confidence in the motives or abilities of the father, so God is powerless to confer the greatest blessings upon the men who do not believe in him. A great power attaches to a definite objective held by a strong faith. Jesus said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark 9: 23.)

Sometime ago I read about the great woman swimming champion, Florence Chadwick. In 1950 she swam the English Channel, and then on July 4, 1952, she attempted to swim the twenty-one miles of water lying between Catalina Island and the southern California coast. The temperature of the water was forty-eight degrees, and a heavy fog lay over the sea. When she was only half a mile or so from her objective, she became discouraged and decided to quit. Her father, who was in the boat nearby, tried to encourage her by pointing through the fog and telling her that land and success were near at hand. But she was discouraged, and a discouraged person is always a weak person.

The next day Miss Chadwick was interviewed by some newspapermen. They knew that she had swum greater distances on previous occasions, and they wanted to know the reason for her present failure. In answering

their questions, Miss Shadwick said, no, it wasn't the cold water and it wasn't the distance. She said, "I was licked by the fog."

And then she recalled that on the occasion when she swam the English Channel, she had had a similar experience. When only a short way from shore she had given up, and this time also, her father had pointed ahead, and she had raised herself out of the water just long enough to get the picture of her objective firmly fixed in her mind. This gave her a great new surge of strength, and she never stopped again until she felt under her feet the firm earth of victory.

I thought of this recently when a stranger called me on the telephone and asked if he and his wife might come and discuss with me a great tragedy that had recently occurred in their family. He explained that a speeding automobile had taken the life of their only daughter, and they asked me to try and help them understand something about the purpose of life and the meaning of death and what their relationship ought to be with each other, and where God fits into the picture, and whether or not there was any use for them to try to live on.

This great tragedy weighed upon them so oppressively that they almost seemed to be suffocating, and for three and a half hours I tried as hard as I could to help them with their problem. But there wasn't much of a foundation on which to build, and I discovered that it can be a devastating thing all of a sudden to need a great faith in God and not be able to find it. It wasn't that they were rebellious or that they disbelieved in God. Their scepticism went deeper; they hadn't given him a thought one way or the other. It wasn't that they disbelieved in immortality; up to this point, they hadn't cared. Then death had stepped across their threshold and taken the best-loved personality there. And then all of a sudden they needed great faith in God and were not able to find it.

You can't merely snap your fingers and get faith in God, any more than you can snap your fingers and get great musical ability. Faith takes hold of us only when we take hold of it. The great psychologist, William James, said, "That which holds our attention determines our action," and one of the unfortunate things in life is that we sometimes focus our attention on the wrong things.

I have been disturbed a little, as I have gone around and become more conscious of the

great variety of temptations that we wrestle with and succumb to. When we enumerate all of the temptations, we find that we often fall before some very small ones, merely because we have continued to entertain them. We talk until we are weary about the "temptations down," not so much about the "temptations up."

The dictionary says that to tempt is to arouse a desire for," and so I assume that I am correct in thinking that temptation can go in either direction, although it is the easiest thing in the world to allow our minds to become loaded with the temptations downward—the temptations of lethargy, the temptations of sloth, the temptations of ignorance, the temptations of sin.

But every thought tends to reproduce itself in an act. Rags, tatters, and dirt are always in the mind before they appear on the body. One of the greatest handicaps to spiritual growth, or any other kind of growth, is to have a negative mind, and I suppose that one of the functions of a great faith is to lift our thoughts upward, to houseclean our minds, to sweep out our "temptations down," and fill our minds with the "temptations up."

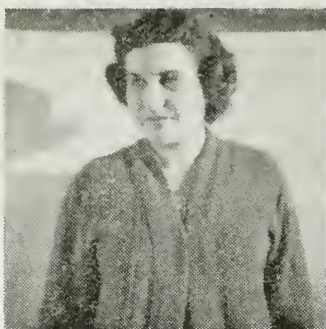
And so I would like to offer you the thought of some thrilling temptations upward—the temptations of culture, the temptations of service, the temptations of great industry, the temptations to focus our minds on great spirituality, the temptation to believe in God.

I am certain the greatest waste there is in the world is not the devastation that comes with war; nor is it the cost that accompanies it; nor is it both of these put together. The greatest waste in the world is that human beings, you and I, live so far below the level of our possibilities.

Henry Ward Beecher was once asked whether or not he believed that Christianity had failed and he said that so far as he knew, it had never been tried. Compared with what we might be, we are only half awake. We have great concern that our lives may someday come to an end, but the real tragedy is that so many lives never really have a beginning. The fires in our souls need rekindling. In speaking of education, Francis Bacon said, "If you want a tree to produce, don't worry so much about the boughs; fertilize the roots." Then suppose we give in to that temptation to stimulate those great God-given powers within ourselves which can lift us toward heaven.

The brute creation goes down on all fours, which tends to throw its gaze upon the

(Continued on page 166)



By Sister Hazel DeBryn.

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth . . . (Romans 1:16.)

Can all the youth of the world say, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ"? It is grievous to say that there are those who are unable to say this, even in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Let us strive diligently to strengthen ourselves through attending our meetings and putting every principle of the Gospel to work in our lives to be an example to our fellowmen.

The M.I.A. is one of the auxiliaries where we can strengthen ourselves so that we can be a shining light to those who are looking to us for examples to follow. It is with deep gratitude in my heart that I express my appreciation to the Mutual Improvement Association and to the Lord for supplying such a wonderful programme for the welfare of Youth.

It has been said by President David O. McKay that the M.I.A. is the best organisation instituted for young people on this earth. It is actually there that we learn to be the future leaders of our homes, communities, and nations.

I do not think any of us really realise the worth of the M.I.A. in our lives. Therefore, I encourage young and old alike to come to the Mutual Meetings and discover its worth. Come! let us learn to love and to work more harmoniously with those around us.

At one time in my life I was ashamed to tell my school friends that I was a Latter-day Saint. Why was I ashamed?—because the material things of life meant more to me than the spiritual things. I did not want them to

"JOY THROUGH ACTIVITY."

know that I was a "Mormon", for fear of persecution.

How I rue those days when I placed so much emphasis on material things. Today I am grateful for the knowledge that these things are only like shadows which can vanish in a moment. The M.I.A. helped me to gain this knowledge, and could also help the many boys and girls who chase these shadows to realise what their reward will be. No true happiness, I am sure, can be found by living for mere pleasure. I know for a surety that true happiness can only come from service to God and to our fellowmen.

The M.I.A. has been organised to provide us with opportunities for this kind of service by guiding us into the true pattern of moral behaviour and righteousness. This will assure us spiritual prosperity and the full measure of blessings offered by the Gospel of our Lord.

I am deeply grateful to my Father in Heaven that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored to this earth. I pray that we may ever cherish it and live the commandments of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May we, through diligence, continually progress so that we may be found worthy of gaining eternal life and being united.

"And, if you keep my commandments and endure to the end you shall have eternal life, which gift is the greatest of all the gifts of God." (D. and C. 14:7.)

(Continued from page 165)

ground. But man stands upright in the image of his Maker that his vision may reach to the stars..

The mission of Jesus was up. Even in Gethsemane with the awful weight of our

(Continued on page 168)

"THOSE WHO TEACH WARN, EXPOUND, EXHORT . . ."

By Elder E. D. Hubbard

The Teacher's duty is to watch over the church always, and be with and strengthen them. And see that there is no iniquity in the church, neither hardness with each other, neither lying, backbiting, nor evil speaking. And see that the church meet together often, and also see that all the members do their duty . . . They are however to warn, expound, exhort, and teach, and invite all to come to Christ." (D. and C. 20: 53-55, 59.)

In these words the Lord gave us the duties of a teacher. Once each month our Ward and Branch Teachers have been going forth to magnify this calling.

To be a Branch Teacher is one of the most important callings in the Priesthood. The things Branch Teachers do and say have a profound effect on those they contact. The spiritual welfare of the members in their district is dependent upon the teachers' effectiveness. "Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God"; the worth of every soul on a Branch Teacher's beat IS great in the sight of God.

As Branch Teachers we have many different people in the districts we cover. Some live the Gospel, others do not. Some receive us gladly, others do not. Sometimes we are prone to wonder why we should visit the inactive, those who break the commandments, and the ones who receive us reluctantly. It is the ones last mentioned we are most concerned with. These are the people who need our help. As the Saviour said, "The whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." Sometimes we cannot see the benefit of the calls we make. It is a fact, however, that to every man's inner self there is a door. Our aim is to be there when we can get through that door and thus be prepared to help when the opportunity comes. This can obviously be done only by the performance of our duty faithfully and diligently.

Recognizing that we have many people to teach, each presenting different problems, it is obvious that our approach to each person must of necessity vary. This we can, and must do, and we can still leave the message assigned. President David O. McKay gives five things a Branch Teacher should do in order to carry out his job effectively. These things are well worth listing here:

FIRST, look to yourselves to see if you are

prepared to teach. We cannot teach that which we do not know. It is our duty to teach that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of the world, that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, and that to him in this last dispensation there appeared God the Father and his Son in person. Do you believe it? Do you feel it? Does that testimony radiate from you, being when you enter into the home? If so, that radiation will give life to the people whom you go to teach. If not, there will be a dearth, a drought, a lack of that spiritual environment in which the Saints grow.

SECOND, is your heart free from backbiting, from faultfinding, from hard feelings one to another? It is your duty to see that there is no backbiting, that there is no iniquity in the Church. You can teach effectively only that which you yourselves feel.

THIRD, know those whom you are to teach.

FOURTH, know **WHAT** you are going to teach.

FIFTH, know **HOW** you are going to teach.

If we now turn over and look at the selfish side of things, we find the benefits that can come to the Branch Teacher. "And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father." (D. and C. 18:15.) To be a Branch Teacher may be the only responsible position many of us will ever have in the Church. This may be the only chance we will ever have to prove to our Father in Heaven that we can do the work we are called to do. Remember we are on this earth to prove ourselves and to gain experience. We are not going to have much proof to show with Branch Teaching that isn't done, neither with Branch Teaching done in the improper way.

Finally let us always remember to apply that great admonition given in the Doctrine and Covenants Section 121:

"No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the Priesthood, only by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned.

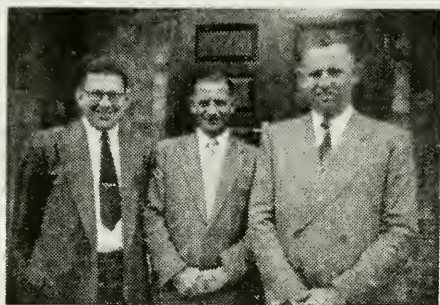
By kindness, and pure knowledge, which shall greatly enlarge the soul without hypocrisy, and without guile . . .

Reproving betimes with sharpness, when

(Continued on page 171)

EAST LONDON

Branch of the Month



BRANCH PRESIDENCY

Left to right: Brother Clarence Krull, 2nd Counsellor; Brother A. J. Corrigan, Branch President; Brother Melvin Jubber, 1st Counsellor.

Although there has never been a time when the East London Branch has had a very large membership, there are many saints in the South African Mission who first came into contact with the Church through this small but faithful branch.

We rejoice with the other branches of the mission in the growth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in this land, and we feel sure that the day is not too far distant when we, although small in number, will add one more to the number of chapels in South Africa.

There are many old stalwart members in the mission today who undoubtedly still have pleasant memories of the old S.O.E. Hall in North Street. In those days the members were living far apart and motor cars were not as plentiful as they are now. Because our members were so scattered we found it necessary to hold Sunday School at Woodbrook and Abbotsford as well as in town. In order that

(Continued from page 166)

sins upon his soul, his face looked up to God. But whatever may be the attitude of the body, the spirit should be on its toes. When Jesus was teaching us to pray, he inserted that wonderful phrase which says, "Thy will be done." But even when we repeat these inspiring words, intended to lift us up, we usually surround it with a spirit of martyred resignation. When we say, "Thy will, not mine, be done" (see Luke 22:42) we may be hoping for the best but we are usually expecting the worst.

We fill our hearts with too many doubts and fears and negative thoughts. But try to imagine what the great Creator would have us

do if we did his will. Can you conceive of any limits he would place upon our progress? What would God have us "arouse a desire for"? Certainly not for weakness, or failure, or sin! Certainly he does not want us to fill our minds with the temptations down. He is not pleased when we become the problem children of God. His will is for us to become beautiful and glorious like him.

But the great truths of life become known only to those who are prepared to accept them. So I would like to present for your consideration the thrilling temptations of the gospel, the temptations to live worthily of the celestial kingdom, to attain a celestial body, a celestial mind, a celestial personality, to live

the sacrament could be administered our Branch President attended all three of these meetings each Sunday—his means of transportation being a bicycle.

During the last World War the full-time missionaries were taken from our city. This, however, was not the first time East London Branch suffered a set back like this. Owing to a shortage of missionaries in 1931, two of the local brethren were set awart by President Don Mack Dalton as part time missionaries in charge of missionary work here. On other occasions since then we have been either without missionaries, or have shared the services of missionaries with the Port Elizabeth branch. In 1946 the missionaries returned to East London. Since that time much has been accomplished, and many fine people have been baptized into the Church. Unfortunately, as in previous years, the majority of these have been transferred to other cities.

Our meetings are now held in the new S.O.E. Hall. This is one of the nicest halls in East London and we are grateful that we are able to meet under such favourable circumstances. However, on several occasions, we have found the hall in a filthy condition from a party the night before. This detracts greatly from the spirit of the service but helps us to realize more fully what a great blessing it will be to have a chapel of our own.

Almost all the adult members in East London today are parents of small children. We hope and pray that when these children grow up they will remain faithful to what they are



EAST LONDON SUNDAY SCHOOL

being taught today, and that they will be a credit to the East London Branch and the Church.

We would like to take this opportunity of paying tribute to the late Brother B. A. T. Jubber and the late Sister L. Steele. Their faithfulness has certainly been an inspiration to us. We are proud indeed that they were members of this branch.

The members of the East London Branch have strong testimonies of the Gospel, and are thankful to be members of this great Church.

In closing let us say, "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." (11 Chron. 20:20.)

with a celestial family and celestial friends on a celestial earth. The gospel offers us the temptation to accept the challenge of Jesus when he said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5:48.)

"They will be done," means to become like God. Now try to imagine what the mind of the Creator is like. If you should lose all your material possessions, you might have reason to be greatly depressed. But how poor you would be if you lost your faith in God! My brothers and sisters, we have lived successfully through the long ages of a pre-existence. Now we live in mortality which is very short. And we are very near the end of

the race. How unfortunate are they who relax their efforts when on the very verge of success, like the great Roman general, Cato, who committed suicide on the very eve of his triumph. If you sometimes feel that the water is a little cold and the way is a little foggy, then is the time to look up and have faith, for there is land ahead.

"All things are possible to him that believeth," and so in our daily devotions we hold ever closer the very foundation of our faith, God's formula for success, "We believe in God."

May God bless our faith, I pray in the name Christ. Amen.



SISTER ANNA SEAWARD

By Elder C. T. Asplund

"The Elders are a long way from home, so they can make my home theirs," has been the motto of Sister Anna Seaward of the Durban Branch. "Just as long as they don't tear it down," she adds with a wink.

And Sister Seaward's home has been opened in welcome to the Mormon Elders since a December day in 1923 when Elder Jones and his companion called at her Port Elizabeth home. Two weeks later the Sunday services of the Port Elizabeth Branch were being held there. The following June, with nine of her children, Sister Seaward was baptized and began a long life of faithful service in the Church. Her husband died just a few months before the family baptism.

Although 74 years of active living and a serious foot injury have slowed Sister Seaward down, she still maintains a cheerful disposition, a faithful testimony and a bright philosophy. In her years of observation she expresses the following concerning certain subjects:

On her limited activity:

"The spirit is willing but the body is tired."

On her 74 years:

"I don't know how many years is in front. If you live the gospel you live long."

On the Elders:

"They're all nice, but they go away too soon. They used to call them the 'Black Cats'."

On the South African Mission:

"There have been a lot of ups and downs, but it's all smooth today."

On Salt Lake City:

"I know I'll see it sometime. I don't want to live there, just to look around."

Sister Seaward also maintains many colourful memories concerning missionaries of past years. She tells of one Elder who walked from Johannesburg to her Port Elizabeth home. She took him in, fed him and dressed him in her dressing-gown while she patched his meagre garments and threadbare suit. "That missionary is now a millionaire back in the States," chuckles Sister Seaward.

Another Elder, remembered by the old Sister, was being supported on his mission by his mother, who scrubbed office floors to send him money. He had only one blue suit which Sister Seaward cleaned, pressed and carefully patched for him each week-end.

(Continued on page 171)

PRIESTHOOD CORNER

By Donovan Donly

Priesthood holders, when assessing the responsibility that is theirs, should ever bear in mind "... unto whom much is given much is expected." The habit of drifting with the stream, which finds so many adherents in the world today, has no place in the life of one commissioned to act in the name of God. Can somebody claiming this divine power take the attitude that at least he is no worse than those with whom he comes in contact? A negative attitude such as this lulls many a mind among the souls of men but has no place in the heart of one who has espoused the Gospel of Jesus Christ—especially one who holds the Priesthood.

No man will stand completely justified at the last day just for the things he hasn't done. This is a step in the right path, certainly, but our true justification will lie in the positive good which we have accomplished. Our blessing will lie in the fact that we have been builders, champions of the cause of truth. A true champion of a cause has the spirit of that enterprise glowing within him at all times. When we find ourselves clinging only to the letter of the law as did the priests of ancient Israel, it is time for stock taking.

"Men should of themselves be anxiously engaged in a good cause," we are told, and "it is a slothful servant that must be commanded in all things." Can we of the Priesthood

(Continued on page 171)

C.S.M.

Subscription Chart

You will notice that our percentage is down from last month. It is a result of subscriptions expiring that have not been renewed. Let us renew our subscriptions and build up the percentage toward our goal of 100%. Thank you.

Remember this is your magazine and if you have any suggestions for the improvement please send them in. They will be welcomed.

September average for Mission ... 33%
 October average for Mission ... 29%
 November average for Mission ... ?

	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
	October.	Incr./ Decrease.
Bellville ...	63 ...	+1
Durban ...	44 ...	+7
Welkom ...	42 ...	-16
Pietermaritzburg ...	40 ...	-18
Salisbury ...	35 ...	+5
Benoni ...	34 ...	—
Luanshya ...	31 ...	+2
Springs ...	31 ...	+5
Port Elizabeth ...	28 ...	-9
Mowbray ...	27 ...	—
East London ...	25 ...	—
Pretoria ...	21 ...	+2
Bulawayo ...	20 ...	-7
Krugersdorp ...	18 ...	correction
Bloemfontein ...	15 ...	-13
Ramah ...	11 ...	-2
North Western ...	8 ...	—

(Continued from page 170)

allow ourselves to drift into a conditions where we are no longer a motivating force in the branches of which we are members? In this condition we would be receiving help rather than giving our services to others as we should.

There is much work to do and we have taken the responsibility of this work upon our shoulders. If we shirk it it would have been far better for us never to have had the marvelous gift of the Priesthood bestowed upon us.

(Continued from page 170)

Living in Durban to be near her family, Sister Seaward treasures these memories and the faithful testimony of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ that brought them into her life.

Fond memories of the kindness of the good sister are cherished by many South African missionaries and members.

MISSION CHANGE

The news came this month of the Duncan's release from their missionary labours in South Africa. The members of this mission will miss them very much as they have been a source of strength and comfort to the Saints here for the past four years. Much has been accomplished in the way of chapel-building and growth in membership during this time. Certainly as they leave this fair land their hearts will beat with the joy of "a job well done".

President Glen C. Fisher of Hill Spring, Alberta, Canada, has been assigned as the new Mission President and should be arriving with his family in December. Both President and Sister Fisher are veterans of missionary work and this appointment will be but a continuation of their faithful service. They presided over the Western Canadian Mission for five years ending in 1952. Two of their five children will accompany them to the Mission Field—Gary, 17; and Diane, 5.

(Continued from page 167)

moved upon by the Holy Ghost; and then showing forth afterwards an increase of love toward him whom thou hast reproved, lest he esteem thee to be his enemy;

That he may know that thy faithfulness is stronger than the cords of death."

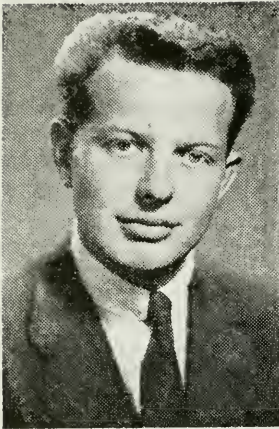
ARRIVALS

Elders James Barlett Gillette and William Ray Bennett arrived on the "Arundel Castle" September 27, 1956. Elder Gillette is from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and has been assigned to labour in the Natal District with Elder B. V. Milne. Elder Bennett is from Spring Coulee, Alberta, Canada, and has been assigned to labour in the West Rand District with Elder K. L. Hadfield.

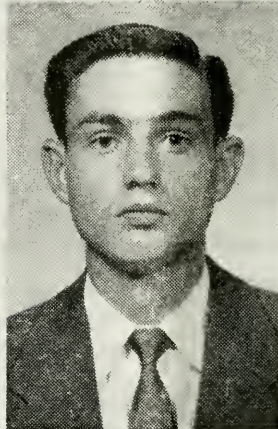
TRANSFERS

Name	From	To	Date
Elder R. Hadley	Mission Office	East Rand	October 2, 1956.
Elder Farrell Z. Kump	West Rand	East London	October 1, 1956.
Elder L. R. Smith	Natal	West Rand	October 1, 1956.
Elder A. Harker	West Rand	Cape	October 6, 1956.
Elder E. R. Peterson	East Rand	Pretoria	October 2, 1956.

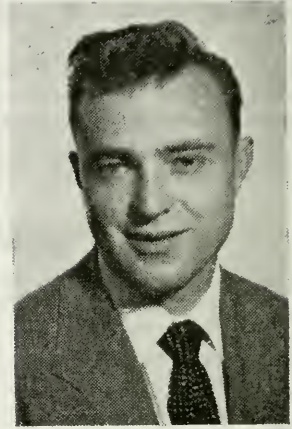
DEPARTURES



**ELDER GEORGE
FREDRICKSON**



ELDER KENT TAYLOR



ELDER ELMER WILFORD

Elder H. G. Fredrickson of Twin Halls, Idaho, was honourably released October 12, 1956. He served in the Cape, Port Elizabeth, Natal, Bloemfontein, West Rand District and in the Mission Office.

Elder B. K. Taylor of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was honourably released October 12, 1956. He served in the Cape, Bulawayo, East Rand, and East London Districts.

Elder E. E. Wilford of Whittier, California, was honourably released October 12, 1956. He served in the Cape, Welkom, East Rand, and Natal Districts.

APPOINTMENTS

Elder Kelvin M. Smith was appointed Supervising Elder of the Natal District, October 4th, 1956.

Elder Thomas Asplund was appointed Secretary of the South African Mission, October 12, 1956.

Elder Farrell Z. Kump was appointed Supervising Elder of the East London District October 1, 1956.

STATISTICS

VICE, Desiree (Krugersdorp)—Deryck V. Vice, October 7, 1956.

RICHARDS, Ian Barry (Port Elizabeth)—John R. Hicken, October 7, 1956.

RICHARDS, Kevin Bruce (Port Elizabeth)—Samuel P. Robinson, October 7, 1956.

CLACK, Raymond Ernest (Port Elizabeth)—Clarence R. Doller, October 7, 1956.

PETHERBRIDGE, Rodney William (Pietermaritzburg)—Franklin A. Badger, September 9, 1956.

PETHERBRIDGE, Ian Patterson (Pietermaritzburg)—Franklin A. Badger, September 9, 1956.

JUEBER, John Trevor (Springs)—Henri De C. Hugo, October 7, 1956.

HULBERT, Diane Norma (Springs)—Ronald L. Hadley, October 7, 1956.

MORISON, Joyce Lillian (Ramah)—Johan Brummer, October 7, 1956.

NINOW, Heather May (Ramah)—Norman G. Muir, October 7, 1956.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS

SCHUBACH, Olive Alice (Goodwin) (Pietermaritzburg)—b. Theron C. Wright and c. Franklin A. Badger, September 16, 1956.

BROWN, Christopher (Mowbray)—b. Larry E. Dahl and c. Alwin Hubert, September 30, 1956.

MARITZ, Willem Hendrik (Mowbray)—b. Ronald L. Hadley and c. Ernest D. Hubbard, September 30, 1956.

BROWN, Lilian Ethelwyn (Bergoff) (Rix) (Mowbray)—b. Ronald L. Hadley and c. Larry E. Dahl, September 30, 1956.

SMITH, Theodora Annalee (Theron) (Mowbray)—b. Donald L. Hadley and c. H. George Frederickson, September 30, 1956.

MARITZ, Maria Magdalena Jacoba (Burger) (Mowbray)—b. Larry E. Dahl and c. Eric Jakins, September 30, 1956.

RIX, Kenneth Albert (Mowbray)—b. Ronald L. Hadley and c. H. George Frederickson, September 30, 1956.

SPARG, Peggy Cecelia (Mowbray)—b. Ernest D. Hubbard and c. Ernest D. Hubbard, September 30, 1956.

TERBLANCHE, Salmon Phillipus (Mowbray)—b. Ernest D. Hubbard and c. Larry E. Dahl, September 30, 1956.

SMITH, Louise Pamela (Mowbray)—b. Larry E. Dahl and c. Andrew Fourie, September 30, 1956.

SMITH, Eleanor Jean (Mowbray)—b. Larry E. Dahl and c. Alwin Hubert, September 30, 1956.

GOETSCH, Hester (Oosthuizen) (Krugersdorp)—b. Dean A. Hunt and c. Nunham G. Stanford, October 14, 1956.

GOETSCH, Robert Earle (Krugersdorp)—b. Nunnam Stanford and c. Dean A. Hunt, October 14, 1956.

TEWSON, Jennifer Ann (Ramah)—b. Edward Tewson and c. Norman G. Muir, October 14, 1956.

SHARPE, Larry (Ramah)—b. Norman G. Muir and c. Clarence Muir, October 14, 1956.

CLIFFORD, Beatrice Petronella Maria (Jacobs) (Springs)—b. Paul I. Derrick and c. Carl R. Pickles, October 14, 1956.

CLIFFORD, Jack John (Springs)—b. Carl R. Pickles and c. Paul I. Derrick, October 14, 1956.

GASCOIGNE, Audrey (Ramah)—b. Stanley R. Jones and c. Nunham G. Stanford, October 14, 1956.

GAILEY, Mydle (Gascoigne) (Ramah)—b. Stanley R. Jones and c. Nunham G. Stanford, October 14, 1956.

GASCOIGNE, Winifred Charlotte (Dicks) (Ramah)—b. Stanley R. Jones and c. Nunham G. Stanford, October 14, 1956.

LION CACHET, Jan (Pretoria)—b. Norman J. Law and c. Norris T. Jackson, October 14, 1956.

LION CACHET, Martha Gertruida (van Westhuizen) (Pretoria)—b. Norris T. Jackson and c. Derril C. Butler, October 14, 1956.

PIENAAR, Daphne (Friedman) (Pretoria)—b. Reed S. Snow and c. Gaylon Dudley, October 14, 1956.

PIENAAR, Zacharias Johannes (Pretoria)—b. Reed C. Snow and c. Reed C. Snow, October 14, 1956.

EVERTON, Peanette (Port Elizabeth)—b. Samuel P. Robison and c. John Everton, October 7, 1956.

RICHARDS, Daphne Maude (Fry) (Port Elizabeth)—b. Samuel P. Robison and c. Clarence Doller, October 7, 1956.

RICHARDS, Harold Bernard (Port Elizabeth)—b. John R. Hicken and c. Ernest Doller, October 7, 1956.

CLACK, Pamela Thyrza (Webber) (Port Elizabeth)—b. John R. Hicken and c. Samuel P. Robison, October 7, 1956.

CLACK, Peter Eilka (Port Elizabeth)—b. Samuel P. Robison and c. John R. Hicken, October 7, 1956.

LISTON, Mabel Ada Scott (Keogh)—b. Samuel P. Robison and c. John R. Hicken, October 7, 1956.

ORDINATIONS

CALTEAUX, Norman James (Kitwe)—Teacher—by Don W. Merrill, September 23, 1956.

BILLETT, Douglas Derek (Durban)—Deacon—by Bernard V. Milne, September 23, 1956.

FISHER, George Alexander (Durban)—Teacher—by Walter P. Randall, September 23, 1956.

ERASMUS, Walter Otto Ralph (Durban)—Priest—by Henry J. Van Rooyen, September 23, 1956.

PELSER, Hendrik Jacobus Martienus (Durban)—Teacher—by Dan. L. Chipman, September 23, 1956.

OWEN, Thomas (Durban)—Teacher—by J. Melverton Jakins, September 23, 1956.

NICHOLLS, Clive (Ramah)—Teacher—by George T. Smith, September 30, 1956.

NINOW, Frederick George Jr. (Ramah)—Priest—by Norman G. Muir, September 30, 1956.

CHATER, Kenneth Brian (Ramah)—Priest—by Wilfred S. Wrench, September 30, 1956.

KROESEN, Colin Rutherford (Ramah)—Priest—by Kenneth Sutherland, September 30, 1956.

ARMSTRONG, Wynne Henry (Springs)—Teacher—by Ronald P. Duncan, September 30, 1956.

VAN COLLIER, Charles Ivor Rex (Durban)—Teacher—by Leroy H. Duncan, September 30, 1956.

MCPHAIL, Angus Robert (Durban)—Elder—by Elmer E. Wilford, September 30, 1956.

MOLONEY, Thomas Ernest (Durban)—Elder—by Leroy H. Duncan, September 30, 1956.

WILLSON, Ray Gordon (Durban)—Elder—by J. Melverton Jakins, September 30, 1956.

FABER, Petrus Coenraad (Pretoria)—Teacher—by Reed C. Snow, September 30, 1956.

KUNITZ, Ronald Alfred (Pretoria)—Priest—by Norris Jackson, September 30, 1956.

SCHELTEMA, John Colin (Mowbray)—Priest—by Alfred Shelver, October 21, 1956.

CRAMER, Neville Winston (Mowbray)—Priest—by Samuel J. Rayner, October 21, 1956.

BELL, David John (Mowbray)—Teacher—by Keith W. Hubert, October 21, 1956.

JEFFERIES, Thomas Trevithick (Mowbray)—Deacon—by Samuel J. Rayner, October 21, 1956.

HARPER, Donald Ernest (Mowbray)—Teacher—
Keith W. Hubert, October 21, 1956.
JAKINS, Charles Frederick (Bellville)—Deacon
—by Horace G. Frederickson, September 2,
1956.

BURKE, Victor Robert (Mowbray)—Teacher—
by Alvin F. Park, October 21, 1956.

THEYS, Denis Beresford (Mowbray)—Teacher
—by Alwin H. Hubert, October 21, 1956.

BRANCH AND DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Branch President: Clarence Doller
63 Heugh Road, Walmer, P.E.

Branch Reporter: Sister Madge McHugh.

Congratulations to Sister Jill Welch and Brother Buddy Helm on the announcement of their engagement. We wish them lots of luck in the future.

M.I.A. held a Hobo Party to swell the Building Fund and some fine hobos turned up. Elder Hicken and Sister Folley were chosen as the best looking hobos.

We had an inspiring baptismal service at the Mineral Baths where six persons were baptised into the church. We heartily welcome these new members. Also, we were privileged to witness three blessings at the Fast and Testimony Meeting.

October 7th the Sunday Evening Service was under the direction of the M.I.A. A most inspiring service, with "A History of Religion" as the theme was held. During the service Elder Robison rendered a vocal solo which was enjoyed by all.

To all our members who at this time are in hospital or who are ill at home we extend our greetings and love. We pray our Father in Heaven will bless you and restore you to health and strength soon.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

Branch President: N. J. Goosen,
57 van Niekerk Street, Bellville, Cape.
Branch Reporter: Sister Mary Dean.

We are happy to report that Brother Freddie Jakins was ordained a deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood last month and Sister Betty Prins set apart as our new Branch Clerk.

During the month at the annual Relief Society bazaar the Bellville booth brought £18. We express our gratitude to the Sisters who made this possible for us.

Bellville members attended District Conference held on the 7th October at "Cumorah." The talks were most inspiring and our Sunday School pupils who participated in the morning session did very well.

Sunday evening the 14th October we were privileged to have President Duncan and family to our service. President Duncan delivered an inspirational address.

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Branch President: Sydney J. Spear,
154 Waverly Road, Bloemfontein.
Branch Reporter: Sister J. C. Utermöhlen.

A Jumble Sale was held by the Relief Society members at the home of Sister Daubney, and three puppet shows were given by Sister Utermöhlen to raise money for the building fund.

October 21st we held our Branch Conference with President and Sister Duncan in attendance. Needless to say, we were all sad at the thought that this was our last meeting together for a long time to come. We do have the assurance, though, that sometime, somewhere we will meet again.

The conference left us all uplifted and full of courage for the future.

We welcomed Sister Grotoque from Kimberley on her short visit to Bloemfontein. It was nice to have her with us at conference time.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

Branch President: Douglas E. Charsley,
121 "F" Avenue, Luanshya, N. Rhodesia.
Branch Reporter: Sister Jeanne Charsley.

The outstanding event of the month in the Luanshya Branch was a visit paid us by Brother and Sister Atkins and family of Broken Hill. They had come 125 miles to have their eight-year-old son Neil baptized.

He was baptized at the lovely Luanshya Swimming pool by Brother D. E. Charsley and confirmed by Brother Leonard L. Clarke.

A joyful scene was witnessed when Sister Gertruida Fourie met Sister Judith Atkins at Sunday School and found her to be her cousin whom she had not seen for fourteen years. Neither was aware that the other had joined the church. It was a great source of happiness to each of them to find that someone else in the family had joined the Church.

Brother Ernest Terblanche left for a holiday down South.

RAMAH BRANCH

Branch President: Wilfred S. Wrench,
31 18 Street, Parkhurst, Johannesburg.
Branch Reporter: Sister Noreen Kroesen.

Sister Gloria Taylor organized a bazaar which was held on the 29th September and which raised forty pounds in aid of the Building Fund.

The Sunday School held a braaivleis on the 28th September.

Mrs. Ellen Lawrence organized a concert which was held at Ramah on the 12th October. The proceeds went to the Organ Fund.

The evening service of the 7th October was under the direction of the Primary. Their theme was "Come Follow Me".

Sister Jean Sutherland is giving dancing lessons for both children and adults at Ramah on Friday and Saturday afternoons to raise money for the Building Fund.

Sister Julia van Rensburg is still in the General Hospital and is being prepared for the heart operation.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Branch President: K. H. Salmon,

4 Cannought Avenue, Highlands, Salisbury.

Branch Reporter: K. H. Salmon.

The Salisbury Branch is progressing in leaps and bounds. Two new members have been joined with us. We certainly wish to welcome Sister Goldsmith and Geoffrey Schonnburg into the Church.

Relief Society was started this month also and is running smoothly with Sister Shaw as President.

Our Sunday meetings have been well attended and the spirit among the members is good. We wish to express our appreciation to our Heavenly Father for all the wonderful blessings we do receive.

BENONI BRANCH

Branch President: J. H. Adendorff,

9 Somerset Avenue, Benoni,

Branch Reporter: Sister Anne Coetzee.

Once more the Benoni Branch had a characteristic outing on the 29th. Cars packed with members and investigators proceeded to Bedford View, an ideal spot.

Volley-ball was introduced and a number of enthusiasts had formed a team with "champs" written across their backs.

Soft ball, however, remained the most popular and everyone joined in, regardless of lack of previous experience.

As evening drew high fires were lit and a braaivleis commenced. Despite a few pieces of charcoal everyone enjoyed their supper. After the food we finished the day with a camp-fire sing-song.

Our Sunday School attendance has increased to the extent that we now have two Junior Classes. This is truly a blessing and we delight in seeing the empty seats filled.

Our Branch President, Brother J. H. Adendorff, has been called away on business at Durban and his absence is being felt among the members. We hope that his stay will not be prolonged.

Sister Brummer, Jnr., is in the hospital preparing for an operation in the near future. We pray that the operation will be successful and allow her to enjoy her good health once again.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Branch President: Deryck Vice,

82 van Brandis Street, Krugersdorp.

Branch Reporter: D. V. Vice.

Saturday the 22nd of September saw one of the most severe gales to strike Krugersdorp. In spite of the icy winds which smashed shop windows, felled trees and telephone poles, and did a great deal of other damage, a gallant band of Relief Society Sisters turned out to a cake sale which they had arranged in the Market Hall. This fine effort deserves our praise especially as the venture was highly successful.

To Brother Vice came the honour of giving his wee daughter a name and a Father's blessing. We hope that little Desree will be healed from her affliction and we asked all members to remember her in their prayers.

Zion is growing! We heartily welcome Brother and Sister R. Goetsch who became members of

our branch when they were baptized on the 14th. May they find real joy and pleasure in serving the Lord.

News from Salt Lake City indicates that Sister Norman Sawyer has arrived at her destination and that she has already started to work.

Once again the District Presidency favoured our branch with a visit when they attended our evening service on the 30th September. We appreciate their hard work and inspired leadership and felt that we can never have enough of their uplifting talks.

DURBAN BRANCH

Branch President: J. M. Jakins

P.O. Box 3, Montclair, Durban Natal.

Branch Reporter: Sister Joyce Wahlburn.

On the 1st October Dr. and Sister Bennee and their family arrived from Cardston, Alberta, Canada, for a six month visit to our country. We welcome them wholeheartedly into our midst once more.

Brother and Sister Milne of Bloemfontein spent a weekend with us recently.

We even had visitors from as far off as Australia. They were Elders Ford and Arrington, when their ship called in for one day, on their return to the States. It was a thrilling experience to have them tell us of our fellow Saints so far across the seas.

Sister Gerda Kotze has now joined her husband, Gerte Kotze, in Senekal, where they will make their home. We do hope they will visit us as often as they can.

President Duncan was in attendance at our District Conference which was held 30th September. This event was even more wonderful than usual, now that we have our own chapel in which to gather. This occasion also afforded us the pleasure of meeting with the Pietermaritzburg members and Elders.

The first Sacrament meeting in October was conducted by the M.I.A. Their theme was "What the Gospel Means to Me."

At this time we congratulate the M.I.A. on the wonderful success they made of their first Gold and Green Ball, held on the 29th September. Their theme was "Under the Sea" and was brought to life by having the dance held on the sea-shore itself, in the Mermaid Lido Ball-room. Truly an outstanding event.

Now that our Chapel has been paid for, we are saving to build an enclosing wall. This month a Jumble Sale and Hobo Social were held for this goal.

It was with regret that we said good-bye to Elder Wilford on the 4th October. His willingness to serve and ready smile won him many friends here. Elder Taylor paid us a short visit prior to his sailing with Elder Wilford.

We welcome Elder Smith as Supervising Elder.

We congratulate Sister Juanita Duncan on gaining top honours in her Ballet Section.

Our sincere condolence is extended to Sister Gertie Bosse and family on the death of husband and father, Mr. Peter Bosse, on the 16th October.

Robert Gordon Wiblin, infant son of Sister Mary Wiblin, was blessed by President Jakins on the 7th October.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Branch President: Alwin Hubert,
129 Beach Road, Mouille Point.

Branch Reporter: Sister Beatrice E. Smith.

The month was marked by the beginning of spring—a welcome thought after the long cold winter.

A wonderful baptismal service was held on the 30th September when ten persons were baptised. We extend the hand of love and fellowship to Brother and Sister Brown and Ken, Brother and Sister Maritz, Brother Terblanche, Sister Theodora Smith and her daughter Louise, little Eleanor Smith, and Sister Peggy Sparg. May the Lord bless and prosper these new members in the Gospel.

On the same evening the M.I.A. presented a programme in the Chapel. This was an inspiring meeting at which the theme was "Eternal Progression". We enjoyed a song by a double trio, a solo by Odessa Geldenhuys and an organ solo by Brother Theo Rayner.

Our real busy time occurred during the first week of October in preparation for the Relief Society Annual Bazaar held Saturday, 6th October. Booths were erected for the games and sale of needlework, food, flowers and other things too numerous to mention. After a delicious meal was served at noon we were entertained by a very good Fancy Dress Parade. The Relief Society Sisters are to be congratulated for their untiring efforts which made this bazaar a great success and raised £350.

Our hearty good wishes go to Brother Hugh Helm and Sister Jillian Welch who have recently announced their engagement.

Early in the month we learned that Prescient Duncan and family had received their mission release. We have enjoyed every minute of their stay in the Mission Field and wish them continued success.

Several of our young members left Cape Town on 7th October to represent the Western Province in the Basketball Tournament in Johannesburg. Although they didn't win the tournament we know that they have done their utmost to uphold Latter-day Saint principles among the rest of the players from all parts of the Union.

The sessions of District Conference held October 7th were very well attended. The talks which centred around the theme "Articles of Faith" were inspiring and uplifting. We enjoyed the music by the children in the morning and the choir in the evening.

From the States come the news that Sister Rieta Blackburn has married and is living in Salt Lake City. She is now Sister Macklyn.

Brother Alwin and Sister Agnes Hubert left on the 8th for a short well-earned holiday in Johannesburg. While they were away they were able to see the Inter-Provincial Basketball matches in which our young people played.

WELKOM BRANCH

Branch President: Elder H. D. Boucher,
54 Juliet Street, St. Helena, Welkom.

Branch Reporter: Sister Mary Dell.

Bloemfontein's loss was Welkom's gain when Brother and Sister Beldon and their two small sons moved to Welkom at the end of September. We extend a hearty welcome to them, and pray that their stay here will be a long and happy one.

The Relief Society are to be congratulated on their very fine effort in raising funds. Although their numbers are small, they were able to raise the amount of £7 from a cake sale.

We extended a welcome to Elder Caldwell who has come to labour with Elder Boucher in Welkom. We were sorry to say good-bye to Elder Lyons who has been transferred to the Transvaal District.

All is well in Welkom.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

Branch President: Ronald Morrissey,
271 Boom Street, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

Branch Reporter: Sister Joyce Morrissey.

Our visitors for this month were Mrs. Garthorn and her daughter and Brother and Sister van Coller from Durban.

On the 20th we held a farewell social for Brother and Sister Denis Schubach and Elder Badger. Brother and Sister Schubach are going to make their home in Durban and we wish them every success. Elder Badger has been transferred to Salisbury. We wish him the best in his new field of labour and thank him for everything he has done for use here in P.M.B.

We of the Pietermaritzburg Branch would like to take this opportunity of saying "thank you" to President and Sister Duncan for all the help they have given us. We pray that the Lord's blessings will continue to be with them at all times.

On the 21st Elder Smith and Elder Milne visited and spoke to us.

BULAWAYO BRANCH

Branch President: F. R. Monson,
20 Kings Avenue, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.

Branch Reporter: Sister M. Paterson.

At the beginning of the month Sister Paterson, husband and family accompanied by Elder Monson and Elder LeBaron made an extensive tour of Wankie Game Reserve. The weather was very hot but everyone had an exciting time. They were fortunate enough to get some very fine cine film shots.

An enjoyable surprise party followed by a braai was given October 8th by Sister Jubber in honour of Elder LeBaron's birthday.

Sister Thompson and family have returned from holiday.

The usual branch social was held on October 20th at which Elder LeBaron showed his slides. Unfortunately, Elder Monson was ill. We are all praying that he will soon recover.